

## CHAPTER 217

(Senate Bill 16)

AN ACT to add new Sections 26A, 26B, 26C, 26D, 26E, and 26F to Article 10 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), titled "Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact" to follow immediately after Section 26 thereof, and to be under the new Sub-title "Alternative Remedy for Unauthorized Practice of Law", enacting the so-called Model Act Providing Remedies for the Unauthorized Practice of Law, establishing an additional and alternative remedy for injunctive relief against an alleged unauthorized practice of law and relating generally to the unauthorized practice of law in this State and to the remedies and procedures therefor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 26A, 26B, 26C, 26D, 26E and 26F, be and the same are hereby added to Article 10 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact" to follow immediately after Section 26 thereof, to be under the new Sub-title "Alternative Remedy for Unauthorized Practice of Law", and to read as follows:

Alternative Remedy for Unauthorized Practice of Law

26A. *Action for Injunction.*

(a) *Upon his own information or upon complaint of any person, including any judge or any organized bar association in this state, the Attorney General may maintain an action for injunctive relief in the Circuit Court of any county or in the EQUITY COURTS OF THE Supreme Bench of Baltimore City against any person who renders, offers to render, or holds himself out as rendering any service which constitutes the unauthorized practice of the law. Any organized bar association in this state may intervene in the action, at any stage of the proceeding, for good cause shown.*

(b) *The action may also be INITIATED AND maintained by any organized bar association in this state.*

26B. *Investigation by Attorney General.*

(a) *The Attorney General may investigate any complaint of unauthorized practice of the law and he, his deputy or any designated assistant may subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, examine them under oath, and require the production of any relevant documentary evidence.*

(b) *The laws relating to the attendance of witnesses in civil actions and the payment of their fees and expenses to those witnesses shall apply to investigations made by the Attorney General under this sub-title.*

(c) *If a person fails or refuses to obey a subpoena or to testify as to any material matter regarding which he may be interrogated, any said court, upon application by the Attorney General, may issue to the person an order requiring him to appear before the Attorney General, or the deputy or assistant designated by him, to produce*